

SUBJECT: Talking Points for DCI's 13 May 1983  
Breakfast Meetings with Deputy Secretary of  
Defense Thayer

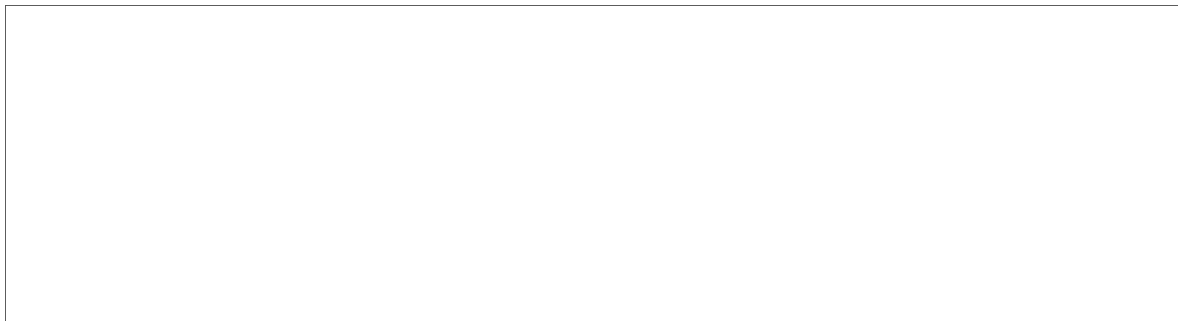
1. Colonel Peter Bauton, Special Assistant to the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs proposed the following DoD talking points for your 13 May 1983 Breakfast Meeting with the DDCI and Deputy Secretary of Defense Thayer:

- U.S. intelligence agencies are to a degree stymied by the massive volume of information which is pouring in on terrorist threats to U.S. missions and personnel abroad;
- Possibly the Army Intelligence Support Activity could augment existing intelligence personnel in high threat areas to examine reported threats and to plan counteraction;
- The Interagency Committee on Terrorism never met to assess the threat against the U.S. Embassy in Beirut. The Committee as currently constituted is too unwieldy to respond effectively to terrorist threats. ~~The Committee should be restructured and reduced in size;~~
- State Department officials never properly identified the validity of the threat to the Beirut Embassy and failed to adopt proper security measures to restrict vehicular access;
- Development of ~~DESIST~~ (Decision Support and Information System for Terrorism) is functioning smoothly and all government agencies appear to be cooperating well.

2. In response to the proposed DoD talking points cited above, you may wish to consider the following talking points:

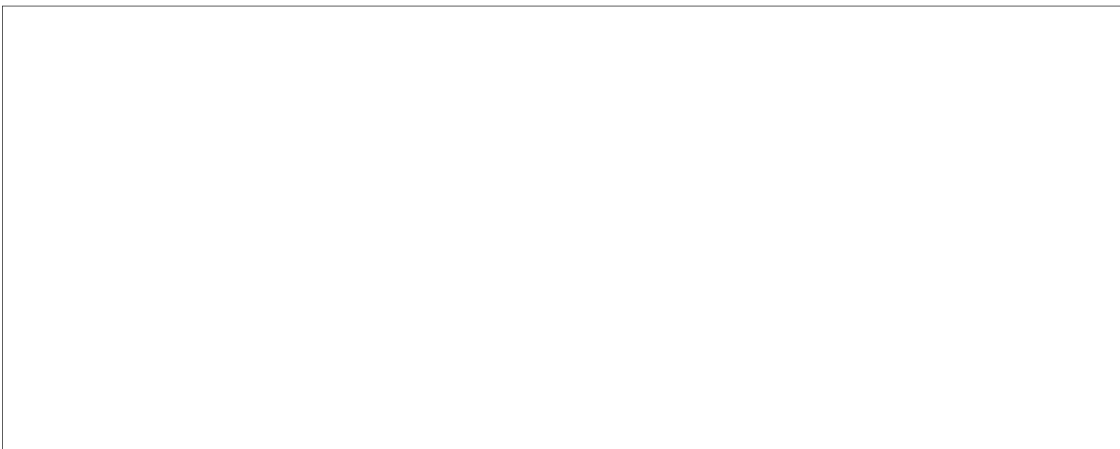
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- The Agency (ExDir) is forming a group to discuss what might realistically have been done to prevent the Beirut bombing incident and to suggest possible future steps to counter the ongoing terrorist threat;

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